NOTE X.

ON THE HABITAT OF NANINA INQUINATA V. D. BUSCH

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The habitat of *Nanina (Xesta) inquinata* seems still somewhat uncertain. Philippi who described the species for the first time (Abb. u. Beschr. neuer oder wenig gekannter Conchylien I, pag. 10, pl. 4, Helix tab. I, fig. 4) gives Java as locality, on the authority of Mr. Winter; this is followed by Pfeiffer (Monogr. Heliceorum viv. I, pag. 46). The species was not found by Zollinger and has only been mentioned by Mousson (Mollusca von Java, pag. 16). Reeve (Conch. Ic. fig. 399) and even still Clessin (Nomenclator Heliceorum) give Java as locality, though not one of the rather numerous explorers of this isle, had afterwards collected this species.

Prof. von Martens (Ostas. Landschn., pag. 207) suggests, after seeing a young specimen in the collection of Mousson, that the habitat should be on the Banda isles, and by a new lot of shells, received from G. W. W. C. Baron van Hoëvell, this opinion prooves to be the right one, in as much as the shell has been truly collected there. Amongst shells from several localities, I find a box from Banda-Neira containing nearly exclusively specimens, which belong without doubt to *Nanina inquinata.*

Moreover another box with shells, belonging principally to varieties or allied species of *Nanina citrina* from Werinama, on Ceram, district Amahei, contains also a number of specimens of *N. inquinata.* They agree all more or less with the figure of Philippi, which is called unsatisfactorely by Mousson, varying in the elevation of the spire, the colour, which is more brownish or yellowish and the number of spots. In a former Note (Vol. XIV, pag. 146) I mentioned a specimen from Timor. If this be really the same species, it would have a rather wide range of distribution, even if we neglect Java, which is probably erroneous.

I may still relate, that I have seen some time ago, a few specimens from one of the other Banda isles, in a private collection.

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